impressions of the Bible, and to offer thefr opinions therein to this committee; and that it be especially commended to the Lord Commissioner Whitelocke to take care of this business.

" This committee, (says Whitelocke,) often met at my house, and had the most learned men in the oriental tongues to consult with in this great busi ness, and divers excellent and learned observations" of some mistakes in the translations of the Bible in English ; which yet was agreed to be the best of any translation in the world. I took pains in it; but it became fruitless by the parliament's disso lution," - . - - . .

Our Author had a great share in the friendship and esteem of John Thurloe, Esq. secretary of state to the protectors, Oliver and Richard Cromwell, who frequently corresponded with him, and consulted him with regard to the characters of such persons in the University, as were proper to be employed in political and civil affairs. For which purpose, Dr. Cudworth wrote, among s, the following letter.*

" HONOURED SIR,

" I must, in the first place, crave your pardon for the delay of this, my second letter, thus long* (for, I suppose, you have received my former in answere to yours,) which, had not some unavoidable occasions hindred me, had come sooner to your hands. Sir, I think there are divers men in the University at this time, of singular parts and accomplishments for learning; some of which are so farre engaged in divinity, that they cannot[4] well divert themselves to other professions or employ-

[a] Thurloe's Manuscript State Papers, vol. xxxviii. p. 259.